

HB 2349 -- VETERANS OPPORTUNITY ACT

SPONSOR: Pogue

This bill creates the "Veterans Opportunity Act," which requires the Department of Natural Resources to sell the Eleven Point State Park to comply with the recorded scenic easement for the Eleven Point National Scenic River. The property must be sold at auction in tracts of at least 300 acres. Military veterans and the immediate family of any military member killed in action or declared missing in action must be given preference for the purchase in the public auction. Any property not purchased by veterans or family of certain military members must then be offered to the general public at public auction. Any property remaining must stay on the real estate market until it is sold and the department must cover the regular maintenance cost of the property. Proceeds from the sale of this property are to be deposited in the State Park Maintenance Fund and used solely for state park maintenance and remediation efforts outlined in the 2008 settlement between ASARCO, LLC, the United States, the State of Missouri, and the Doe Run Company.